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Mr. Louis M. Lyons
Curator, Nieman Foundation
Harvard University
44 Holyoke House
Cambridge 48, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Lyons:

It is my understanding that Mr. James V. Mathis, 317 National Press Building, Washington, D. C., is a candidate for a Nieman Fellowship for 1961-1962.

I have known Mr. Mathis for several years in his capacity of Washington Correspondent for the Houston Post. During this time I have been impressed by his skill as an accurate and responsible reporter and by his personable approach. I consider him worthy of selection for a Nieman Fellowship so that his full potential as a valuable member of the U. S. Press can better be realized.

Very truly yours.

C. P. Cabell General, USAF Deputy Director

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